

Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough examination of the present invention. The following is in response to said examination.

Claims 21-41 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by White et al. The Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 21 recites (in part), "a first surface extending between the first and second rail and positioned in the proximal end of the cavity and a second surface extending between the first and second rail and positioned adjacent and in contact with the first surface." The Office Action provided addendum C (in Paper No. 14), and asserts that figure 7B/18 shows that claimed feature. Applicant respectfully argues that figure 7B/18 does not disclose limitation recited above. Specifically, figure 7B/18 shows "first surface" 77/28 and "second surface" 80/40. It is very clear from figures 7B/18 that neither the alleged "first surface" nor the alleged "second surface" extend between the first and second rail. Further, claim 21 is not anticipated by figures 7B/18 of White because neither figure discloses, teaches or suggests that the alleged "first surface" 77/28 and alleged "second surface" 80/40 are adjacent and in contact with each other. Because White does not disclose, teach, or suggest each and every limitation in claim 21, there can be no anticipation. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claim 33 recites (in part), "...wherein the first and second surface are positioned such that a suction force is proximate the center of gravity." The Office Action, to support its conclusion of anticipation for this claim, argues that "since all sliders have a center of gravity somewhere near the geometrical center of same [sic] and also since the term proximate is only an approximate locator, any center of gravity near or close to the geometrical center of White's slider would fulfill the requirements of these instant claims." Although it is conceded that all sliders have a center of gravity, White fails to teach, disclose or suggest that "a first and second surface are positioned such that a suction force is proximate the center of gravity" of

the slider. Because White does not disclose, teach, or suggest each and every limitation in claim 21, there can be no anticipation. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claims 22-32 and 34-41 depend from independent claims 21 and 33 and define further features and structure of the device. Accordingly, these claims are patentable for the reasons noted above with respect to claims 21 and 33 as well for the additional features recited therein. Therefore, notice to the effect that dependent claims 22-32 and 34-41 are in a condition for allowance is respectfully requested.

For similar reasons noted above regarding White, the other 4 references listed in the Office Action (Chapin, Dorius, Berg, Harada) do not anticipate claims 21-41.

CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance in accordance with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.111, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below signed attorney to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

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